



NEWTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DATE: Thursday, December 2, 2021 @7:00pm

Location: 2 Town Hall Rd (rear meeting room)
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 7:03pm via Roll Call Vote: Vice Chairperson Nancy Slombo, Sandy Estabrook & Trisha McCarthy and Lorean Melvin and Selectman Kate Michaels via zoom

Correspondence:

- NHDES file # 2021-03469: Wetland Bureau received Forestry Statutory Permit by Notification stating permit was administratively complete and work may commence with conditions. (Gale Village Road will be used by forestry vehicles)
- Budget for Conservation commission to be increased by \$1000.00 for work on trails. Motion by Slombo to approve the budget for 2022 for a total of \$3,933.00, second by Estabrook and all in favor.
- 121 South Main St: DES has filed a complaint about property filling in wetlands. Will keep the Code Enforcement Officer advised.
- Discussed 2022 meeting schedule to remain as 1st Thursday of every month at 7pm
- McCarthy presented receipt for ink and one ream of paper for a total of \$84.48 and requested to be reimbursed for this amount. Estabrook motion to reimburse McCarthy for office supplies totaling \$84.48 to come from budget line#4611100, second by Slombo, and all in favor.
- Discussed 107 North Main Street: Estabrook recommended ordering sign to mark the Busch farm so that the new residents that may be moving into the location will realize that the main Busch Farm access should be used to enter the Busch Farm and not new trails made by abutters of the conservation land. We will order signs and put them out in the early spring after the snow melts.
- Melvin discussed the Busch Farm and the invasion plants taking over the area. She will check into a safe way to remove and/or destroy the plants.
- Commission wants to thank Iron-Pony Farm for mowing and cutting Bartlett Street Conservation Land. They didn't give a bill to conservation; they donated their machinery and labor. Thank You!!
- Discussed a property in Newton that has a Stone Hedge History, in hopes that conservation may be able to help owner preserve it. We will attempt a site walk once the owner okays it.
- Motion by Slombo to adjourn at 7:45pm, second by Estabrook, all in favor

Respectfully, Trisha McCarthy

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